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EA/PHL FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM TOUSSAINT

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SUBJECT: MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS

REF: MANILA 8926

1. I DISCUSSED WITH RADM HARDISTY THIS MORNING GENERAL
PROCEDURES FOR THE UPCOMING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS.
I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT WE ESTABLISH EARLY ARRANGE-
MENTS TO INSURE THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE
CONTROL OVER THIS PROCESS AS IT UNFOLDS.

2. I ASKED HARDISTY WHETHER IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO HAVE
POL/MIL MIKE CONNORS ATTEND THE DISCUSSIONS AS AN OBSERVER,
SINCE HE HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN THESE ISSUES AND COULD
ASSIST IN THE REQUIRED REPORTING, ANALYSIS, ETC. AFTER
SOME DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE QUESTION
OF CONNORS' ATTENDANCE. HARDISTY EXPRESSED VALID CONCERN
THAT CONNORS' PRESENCE MIGHT DRAW IN CIVILIANS ON THE PHILIP-
PINE SIDE (IF CIVILIANS DO SHOW UP ON GOP SIDE, CONNORS
WOULD JOIN). HARDISTY DID AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR
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ALL REPORTING TO GO THROUGH EMBASSY CHANNELS, INDICATING
THAT HE WILL SO RECOMMEND TO CINCPAC.

3. I TOLD HARDISTY THAT THE MEETINGS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT
A SITE DESIGNATED BY THE AFP, NOTING OUR STRONG PREFERENCE
FOR MANILA TO INSURE YOUR CLOSE PROXIMITY.

4. HARDISTY INDICATES THAT RADM MCCLENDON AND CDR DEBOBES WILL BE THE CORE ELEMENT OF THE U.S. MILITARY TEAM. (HARDISTY NOTED THAT IT IS UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME WHETHER MCCLENDON WILL REPORT TO JCS OR TO CINCPAC.) HARDISTY AND MGEN POSTON WILL PARTICIPATE TO THE EXTENT THEY CAN BUT MCCLENDON AND DEBOBES, BACKED BY SEVERAL STAFFERS FROM CLARK AND SUBIC, WILL FORM THE BASIC UNIT. I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HOLDING THE TEAM TOGETHER TO TACKLE ONE ISSUE AT A TIME.

5. THESE ARE ALL MATTERS YOU WILL WISH TO DISCUSS IN SOME DETAIL WITH ADMIRAL WEISNER THIS WEEKEND, BY WHICH TIME WE WILL HAVE REPORTED RESULTS OF JUNE 1 MEETING WITH ESPINO. TOUSSAINT

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